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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Yanxiang Cao et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/634,352 )  
Filed: August 9, 2000 )  
Title: METHODS OF GENE EXPRESSION )  
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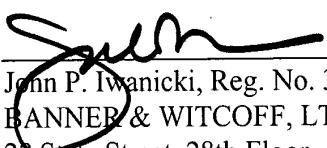
**PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to Notice to File Missing Parts mailed September 29, 2000, be extended for two months to and including January 29, 2001.

Please apply the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$390.00, and any other charges or any credits to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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